

THE CLAIMS DEFINING THE INVENTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. A machine for vending floral arrangements including:
a stack of generally circular carousels each for
5 supporting a plurality of floral arrangements; and
a generally cylindrical exterior housing surrounding
the carousels.
2. A machine according to claim 1 wherein the carousels
are stacked together in a modular arrangement.
- 10 3. A machine according to either claim 1 wherein at
least one carousel includes a rotary shelf.
4. A machine according to claim 3 wherein at least one
rotary shelf is perforated to allow air to flow
through the shelf.
- 15 5. A machine according to claim 1 wherein the exterior
housing further includes a transparent dome mounted
over the uppermost carousel.
6. A machine according to claim 1 wherein the exterior
housing is substantially air-tight.
- 20 7. A machine according to claim 1 wherein the inside of
the housing is refrigerated.
8. A machine according to claim 1 including a sensor
that is arranged to activate a sound reproduction
device when a person is sensed near to the machine.
- 25 9. A machine for vending floral arrangements including:
a stack of carousels each supporting a plurality of
floral arrangements; and
each of the plurality of floral arrangements
supported on each carousel are vended at the same
30 price.
10. A machine according to claim 9 wherein the carousels
are stacked together in a modular arrangement.
11. A machine according to claim 9 wherein at least one

of the carousels includes a rotary shelf.

12. A machine according to claim 11 wherein at least one rotary shelf includes steel dividers that allow removal of only one floral arrangement during a single vending operation.

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13. A machine for vending floral arrangements including: at least one carousel for supporting a plurality of floral arrangements; the machine has a front and a back and includes at least one viewing window associated with the carousel, each viewing window being arranged to permit viewing of only one floral arrangement; the at least one viewing window is positioned towards either one or both of the front or back of the machine; and

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light from outside the machine may reach the floral arrangements on the carousel only by passing through the at least one viewing window.

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14. A machine according to claim 13 wherein a light is provided at an edge of at least one viewing window.

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15. A machine according to claim 13 wherein lights are provided about four edges of at least one viewing window.

16. A machine according to claim 13 further including a spotlight arranged to illuminate a floral arrangement viewable through the viewing window.

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17. A machine according to claim 13 wherein at least one viewing window is arranged to allow for vending of floral arrangements through the viewing window.

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18. A machine according to claim 10 wherein at least one of the carousels includes a rotary shelf.

19. A machine according to claim 18 wherein at least one rotary shelf includes steel dividers that allow

removal of only one floral arrangement during a single vending operation.